UNLISTED THOUGHTS

Unlisted Thoughts Tick-General of General Appreciation and Cross-General of General Disappreciation Policy Document 2024

1. Background

Unlisted Thoughts (UT) awards the Tick-General of General Appreciation (TGGA) and the Cross-General of General Disappreciation (CGGD) to select individuals or organisations in response to their use of the adjective 'general'. These awards have been expanded to cover issues relating to pedantry over topics relating to governments, judiciaries and associated peoples and organisations.

This document outlines policy relating to the TGGA and CGGD.

Recipients of a TGGA are expected to feel great pride upon receiving a TGGA. Similarly, recipients of a CGGD are expected to feel great shame. Both TGGA and CGGD should be used to spark moments of reflection and insight. For more information on why the recipient was selected for a TGGA or CGGD, the recipient can contact Unlisted Thoughts at unlistedthoughts (at) gmail (dot) com.

UT is bound by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.

The appearance of the Tick-General of General Appreciation is shown in ***6.1 Tick-General of General Appreciation***.

The appearance of the Cross-General of General Disappreciation is shown in ***6.2 Cross-General of General Disappreciation***.

Scalable vector graphic versions of the TGGA and the CGGD can be requested from unlistedthoughts (at) gmail (dot) com.

Both the TGGA and the CGGD shall be placed within the public domain. Any persons, living or dead, is free to use the TGGA and/or the CGGD however they see fit, but only UT can award registered TGGA and CGGD.

2. Scope

This document outlines:

- the process of awarding a TGGA or CGGD,
- the process of publicly notifying an awardee of their TGGA or CGGD,
- the management of a register of awarded TGGA and CGGD.

3. Criteria for awarding Ticks-General of General Appreciation and Crosses-General of General Disappreciation

3.1 Individuals or organisations eligible to receive TGGA or CGGD

All individuals and organisations, including those past, present and future, are eligible—

a) for a Tick-General of General Appreciation,
b) for a Cross-General of General Disappreciation, and
c) to receive multiple TGGA and/or CGGD either simultaneously or over time.

3.2 Decision maker for awarding TGGA or CGGD

All individuals which form Unlisted Thoughts are eligible to be a decision maker for awarding a Tick-General of General Appreciation or a Cross-General of General Disappreciation.

3.3 Factors underpinning decision to award TGGA or CGGD

When awarding a Tick-General of General Appreciation or a Cross-General of General Disappreciation, the decision maker must consider the following factors:

1) Whether there is consensus among decision makers over the awarding of a TGGA or CGGD,
2) Whether the individual or organisation:
    a) for both TGGA and CGGD—
        i) is a public figure or well-known,
        ii) has a public social media account,
        iii) has the capacity to understand their achievement or error,
        iv) has already been awarded a TGGA or CGGA in relation to the achievement or error,
    b) for TGGA—
        i) individual or organisation has, in the decision maker's opinion, exceeded expectations,

c) for CGGD—
    i) should, in the decision maker's opinion, know better with regards to their error,
    ii) is a member of, affiliate with, or associated with—
        (1) a well-recognised government,
        (2) an accredited media organisation,
        (3) former officeholders of high offices,
        (4) academia.

A decision maker is not required to outline their reasoning by writing.

4. Awarding a Tick-General of General Appreciation and Cross-General of General Disappreciation

4.1 Decision to award TGGA or CGGD

A decision maker will, using available templates, create an award with the Tick-General of General Appreciation or Cross-General of General Disappreciation. The award must have the following:

- Either the words "Unlisted Thoughts presents the TICK-GENERAL OF GENERAL APPRECIATION" or "Unlisted Thoughts presents the CROSS-GENERAL OF GENERAL DISAPPRECIATION",
- Either a TGGA or CGGD affixed to the award,
- The name of the recipient of a TGGA or CGGD,
- A brief rationale for awarding of TGGA or CGGD,
- The date of awardment,
- The signature of a senior officeholder listed in ***6.3 Senior Officerholders***,
- The countersignature of an officeholder.

The award can take the following forms:

1) a written document,
2) a printed document,
3) a digital document in—
    a) graphics file formats:
        i) Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPG/JPEG),
        ii) Portable Network Graphics (PNG),
        iii) Graphic Interchange Format (GIF),
        iv) Truevision TGA (TGA),
        v) Windows Bitmap (BMP),
        vi) DirectDraw Surface (DDS),
        vii) JBIG,
        viii) WebP, or

ix) eXperimental Computing Facility (XCF),

b) document file formats:
   i) Portable Document Format (PDF),
   ii) Electronic Publication (EPUB), or
   iii) DjVu,

c) proprietary file formats:
   i) Word Document (DOC),
   ii) Office Open XML (DOCX),
   iii) Microsoft PowerPoint (PPT),
   iv) Office Open XML Presentation (PPTX),
   v) Rich Text Format (RTF), or
   vi) Unified Office Format (UOT),

d) vector file formats:
   i) Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG), or
   ii) Encapsulated PostScript (EPS),

e) other file formats:
   i) HyperText Markup Language (HTML),
   ii) Extensible Markup Language (XML),
   iii) LaTeX (LATEX),
   iv) TeX (TEX), or
   v) Open Document Format for Office Applications (ODF),

f) including all past versions of those formats.

4.2 Public notification of TGGA or CGGD

A recipient of a Tick-General of General Appreciation or Cross-General of General Disappreciation must be publicly notified of their awardment within 48 hours of the creation of an award. The public notification of the award is to be considered the awarding of the TGGA or CGGD.

A notification must be done through a Unlisted Thoughts account or an account associated with Unlisted Thoughts.

A public notification can take the following forms:

Directed to the recipient—

- a public post on X (formerly Twitter),
- a public post on Facebook,
- a public post on LinkedIn,
- a public written article on—
  - Substack,
  - Medium,
- a YouTube—
  - public post, or

    - public video,
  - on the Unlisted Thoughts blogspot,
  - on the Unlisted Thoughts website.

A private notification can only be done if, in the opinion of the decision maker, a recipient has no chance of seeing the public notification. A private notification can take the following forms:

- email from the Unlisted Thoughts email account,
- phone call,
- written message,
- elaborate sky writing,
- carrier pigeon, or
- verbal message.

4.3 Record management

Unlisted Thoughts is required to maintain a current and active registry of Ticks-General of General Appreciation and Crosses-General of General Disappreciation.

The registry must possess the following information:

- recipient's name,
- date of awardment,
- a copy of the award, and
- the method of public notification.

An awardment must be lodged within 48 hours of awarding.

This registry may be a digital document of the following file formats:

- Open Document Format Spreadsheet (ODS),
- Unified Office Format Spreadsheet (UOS),
- Excel Spreadsheet (XLS),
- Office Open XML (XLSX),
- Data Interchange Format (DIF),
- dBASE (DBF),
- HyperText Markup Language (HTML),
- SYLK (SLK), or
- Comma-separated values file (CSV).

Only one registry may be active at a time. Copies of the registry are uncontrolled.

The registry may take any name as long as it functions as a registry of Ticks-General of General Appreciation and Crosses-General of General Disappreciation.

4.4 Review

A decision maker may—

1) review a decision to award a Tick-General of General Appreciation or Cross-General of General Disappreciation if the decision maker was not the person who awarded the TGGA or CGGD,
2) following a review—
    a) re-affirm the awardment of a TGGA or CGGD, or
    b) revoke the awardment of a TGGA or CGGD following public notification of revocation.

Any recipient and individuals or organisations, in the opinion of the decision maker, associated with the recipient, may request, in writing, a review. This request must be sent to unlistedthoughts (at) gmail (dot) com.

5. Document history

Version	Date	Reason for amendment
1.0	1 July 2021	Creation of policy.
1.1	26 September 2021	Updated the Tick-General of General Appreciation and the Cross-General of General Disappreciation.
1.2	27 January 2024	Added provisions relating to the registry.
2.0	18 February 2024	Updated policy document to align with current priorities.

6. Appendix

6.1 Tick-General of General Appreciation

Figure 1. *The Tick-General of General Appreciation as of 26 September 2021.*

The Tick-General of General Appreciation is to appear as such:

> Blue with a green tick, around that a yellow rope border, around that on white with "The Tick-General of General Appreciation ★ Unlisted Thoughts ★" in black, with no text upside down. Another yellow rope border around the whole.

6.2 Cross-General of General Disappreciation

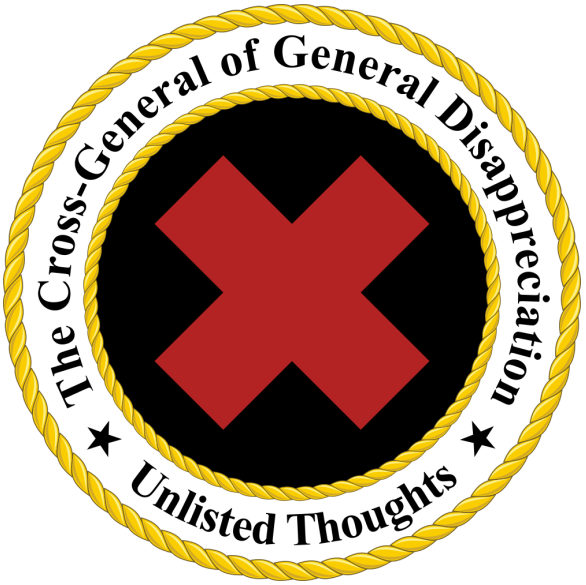

Figure 2. *The Cross-General of General Disappreciation as of 26 September 2021.*

The Cross-General of General Disappreciation is to appear as such:

> Black with a red cross rotated 45°, around that a yellow rope border, around that on white with "The Cross-General of General Disappreciation ★ Unlisted Thoughts ★" in black, with no text upside down. Another yellow rope border around the whole.

6.3 Senior Officerholders

The following incumbent officeholders are to be considered as senior officeholders:

- Architect of the Capitol
- Administrator-General
- Chief Executive Thoughts
- Database Registrar
- Deputy Unlistedmaster-General
- Honorary Administrator-General
- Honorary Unlistedmaster-General
- Legal Counsel
- Typewriter-General (as an office)
- Typewriter performing the duties of the Typewriter-General
- Unlistedmaster-General
- Unlisted Speaker

For avoidance of doubt, a person acting in any of the offices mentioned above are a senior officeholder for the purposes of this document.